| S. No. | States/UTS | Location |
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| 20. | Tamil Nadu | 23. Trichy |
| 21. | Uttar Pradesh | 24. Gorakhpur<br>25. Lucknow |
| 22. | West Bengal | 26. Burdwan |

**Palm Growers in Karnataka**

760. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantities of palm oil, being imported during 1999-2000;

(b) the quantities of palm oil, out of such imported quantity, allocated to Karnataka;

(c) has it come to the notice of Government that the import of palm oil has affected the palm growers in Karnataka as there is no market for their produce;

(d) what is the support price being given for the production of palm oil in Karnataka;

(e) whether Government has agreed to share 50 per cent of the support price; and

(f) if so, the amount so far released by the Centre as its share to Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) During the year 1999-2000 State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. has so far imported about 82.00 MT of RBD Palmolein on Government account for the Public Distribution System. Out of this 13,600 MT of RBD Palmolein is allocated to that State of Karnataka.

(c) Steep decline in the price of indigenous crude palm oil due to large import of palm oil has affected oil palm growers in Karnataka.

(d) to (f) A proposal has been received from Government of Karnataka for providing support price to oil palm farmers. Government of Karnataka has proposed to share the cost for

providing support price to oil palm farmers through implementation of Market Intervention Scheme on 50:50 basis between Centre and State. The proposal is being examined.

**Subsidy on DRIP Irrigation**

761. SHRI M.J. VARKEY MATTATHIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government consider extending the subsidy given to the farmers for drip irrigation to the farmers who are using the sprinkler system for irrigation which is justifiable as far as the farmers are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): Subsidy assistance is being provided to the farmers for drip irrigation and sprinkler irrigation system depending upon the type of crop being grown by the farmer. For horticultural crops assistance is being provided for drip irrigation under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Use of Plastics in Agriculture. Similarly, under the Oil Palm Development Project and under the Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane based Cropping System, assistance is being provided for drip irrigation of oil palm and sugarcane crops respectively. During 1999-2000 drip irrigation has been extended to cotton crop also under the Integrated Cotton Development Project of Technology Mission on Cotton.

**Implementation of Crop Insurance Scheme**

762. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) since when crop insurance scheme is implemented by Government;

(b) the details of coverage of crops, regions, premium etc.; and

(c) whether Government will introduce a comprehensive crop insurance scheme covering all the crops throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO):